

Appln. No. 09/976,299

Attorney Docket No. 11721-034

**II. Remarks**

Claims 8, 14, 15, 17, 18, 25, 26, 30, 36, 37, 39, 40, 47, and 48 have been amended and claims 1-7, 9-13, 16, 19, 20, 27-29, 31-35, 38, 41, 42, and 49-61 have been cancelled. Accordingly, after entering this amendment, claims 8, 14, 15, 17, 18, 21-26, 30, 36, 37, 39, 40, 43-48 remain pending.

The pending claims correspond to the draft set of amended claims submitted to the Examiner November 2, 2004 for his review. We acknowledge and appreciate the Examiner leaving a voicemail with the undersigned indicating the allowability of the pending claims as amended.

In view of the above, the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) have been made moot, and it is submitted that the pending claims (claims 8, 14, 15, 17, 18, 21-26, 30, 36, 37, 39, 40, 43-48) are allowable and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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